(1) the names of officers whose scale of pay has been raised after the advent of the present Diwan;

(2) their scale of pay both before and after the enhancement;

(3) what is the average yearly increase in the expenditure of the state by reason of the above raising of pay?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1), (2) and (3) A statement containing the information is appended. (*Appendix X.*)

Public Works Department—contracts.

247. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the full nature of six contracts in descending order, of Public Works, with the contracted amount of each, involving the largest expenditure of public revenue, that have been granted by the Public Works Department during the seven years, preceding the retirement of Mr. Narayana Ayyar from the Diwan-ship of the State;

(b) the names and particulars of the contractors in (a),

(c) the full nature with costs of each, of six items of the Public Works in descending order, the department undertook directly (*i. e.*, without contractors) during the period indicated in (a) and which involved the largest expenditure of public revenue?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) and (b) A list showing the particulars is appended (*Appendix XI.*)

(c) A list of such works is appended (*Appendix XII.*)

Trichur Sirkar High School Students and Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday Celebration.

248. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether some of the students of the Sirkar High School, Trichur, went out of the class-rooms in connection with the birthday celebration of Mahatma Gandhi;

(2) if so how many students absented themselves each day in each class in this connection and of these how many were admitted each day and on what conditions;

(3) did the Headmaster issue any order to the effect that guardians should give an undertaking that the students will not in future take part in such celebrations before they are admitted;

(4) will a copy of the same be placed on the table;

(5) what were the orders of the Director of Public Instruction about this matter and what were the reports of the Headmaster about this incident;

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APPENDIX XI.

(Vide answer to question No. 247)

List of works given on contract (questions a and b).

	Name of work.	Name of contractors.	Expenditure Rs.		
1.	Constructing an additional weir to Enamakal dam (permanent improvements)	Mr. N. O. Inasu	1,03,676	7	9
2.	Constructing a bridge over Cheerakuli river	Messrs. Ponnan, Palanimala and N. O. Inasu	88,188	1	3
3.	Opening 5th section of the Nelliampathy Ghat road	Mr. N. O. Inasu	73,769	0	0
4.	Constructing a building for Ernakulam Girls' High School	Mr. S. Seetharama Ayyar	74,204	1	9
5.	Opening the 4th section of the Nelliampathy Ghat road	Mr. R. Viswanatha Chettiar	66,212	0	0
6.	Opening the Cochin—Alleppey road	Mr. N. O. Inasu	61,204	8	0

APPENDIX XII.

Vide answer to question No. 247

List of works done by the Public Works Department (question c).

		Rs.		
1.	Reconstructing the Panamkutti bridge	17,199	15	4
2.	Constructing two foot bridges over Narakkal Bunder canal	2,738	5	0
3.	Dredging a channel through the shallow portions of the backwater for the water barge	2,443	4	9
4.	Consolidation of metal for the maintenance of the Vaniampara road	2,016	15	2
5.	Consolidation of metal for the special renewals of the Vaniampara road	1,049	12	11
6.	Improving the Irimpanam road	1,037	9	1

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